

MUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 19th February 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.
IN THE NEW VICTORY HALL, MALDON ROAD, MUNDON.

Present: Cllrs S Livermore, G Rowsell, L Clark & I McDonald

In attendance: Mrs S Sayer – Parish Clerk

Members of Public: 5

It was agreed by all members to discuss, decide and if agreed to sign the Clerk's contract of employment item could be added to the agenda.

Apologies

1. There were no apologies and the Chair informed those present that Bill Hollis had handed in his resignation as Parish Councillor. Clerk to place Notice of the Vacancy up on the notice board for the designated period, after which if no election is called, the Members can fill the vacancy by Co-option.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interests were made at this point of the meeting.

3. Public Comments –.

A discussion took place about the speeding through the village and mention of a 20mph speed limit was made, but the fact that the road running through Mundon is a main county route it was explained that the criteria for a 20mph speed limit would not be met. Mention was made about the large vehicles that pass through the village, sometimes in convoy, and a particular reference was made to G&B Finch. The Vice Chairman informed those present that Lee Finch had donated a lorry load of road planeings for the Church Car Park as a gesture of goodwill. One of the resident's did not greet this gesture well. Clerk to contact Lee Finch and invite him to one of the future council meetings in an effort to try and build a better community liaison.

4. The Minutes of the last meeting – 18th December

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr S Livermore as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising/clerks Report – covered by Agenda items.

6. District Councillors report – there were no District Councillors present.

7. Transport

It was reported that there is currently no problems with the bus service. ECC are reviewing fares and the consultation is running on until 22nd March. There is a

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Passenger Transport Forum every six months and the next meeting to be held is sometime in April.

8. The Furze

It was reported that the disposal of the old gate and barbed wire was going well. More people seem to be utilising the area and the quad bikes and horses have not been a problem recently. A vote of thanks was given to Les for all his hard work. The parking on the verge was not a problem during the course of the winter when the ground is hard, but the problems when most damage occurs is when it is wet and members to try and find a solution to this problem.

9. Grass Cutting

ClIr Clark to ascertain if "Mow My Lawn" will still be cutting the grass this season.

10. Neighbour Hood Watch

No update available at this time.

11. Woodside

The fence posts where the telephone box used to be were reported as a health and safety problem it was suggested that quotes be obtained to replace the fence, a) in its entirety and b) the sections that are desperately in need of replacement. It was further mentioned that as this would be a capital project for the village that there was a possibility of the use of the Church Room fund. Clerk to also write to Moat Housing, to ascertain if they will make a contribution to the replacement fencing as it is on their land, and to find out how the land lies in regard to a previous offer made to the Parish Council to gift the green in front of the Woodside Houses to the Parish Council, who have been maintaining in recent years.

ClIr Rowsell to send clerk some information about the history.

Clerk to Action – Quotes for Woodside Green Area Fence

Clerk to Action – Letter to Moat Housing.

12. Website (Mundon.org)

ClIr Rowsell stated that this was going well and just awaiting the relevant documents to fill in the gaps from the Clerk.

13. Broadband

An email dated 18/2/19 was received from Mr. B Hollis please see below:-

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“Superfast Broadband: I have urged, begged, written & pleaded for about 5 years to get the communication system of the future & as we can see from all the recent major work, success is nearly upon our remote outpost!!!

Fibre will all be live, I guess within 6 weeks. I will let the Parish council & individuals know when “The line is lit up”.

Once we are up and running, may I strongly suggest those that are interested, investigate the excellent deals, potentially available thru a comparison site such as “broadband deals. Co. Up” This web site is the only one I know that will inform the price after the first 12/18 month period. Thus avoiding hidden charges post the initial year. There are other comparison sites available!

Some internet deals come with phone line packages, some without (use your mobile) -the majority are most competitive.

In my personal case as I’m not on contract, I am able to cut my bill in half- by changing provider from BT to Vodafone Fibre Internet; with even more savings in the second year.

Watch out for some phone call charges which may be penal. There is no reason, with effort, why most people can’t cut their communication costs & get a fast modern 21C system. U can keep your current phone number.

Everyone may keep in touch with progress on the Essex Superfast broadband site which details a house by house report. Just input your post code. Currently this report states Mundon fibre will kick in during December 2019, but as I said I’m expectant this date will be brought forward & will suddenly be updated.

The broadband champion doesn’t need to be a Parish council position so I intend to finish this issue & keep all informed “

14. Planning

- i) No planning applications to review
- ii) Planning decision list circulated via email– Noted
- iii) Planning application lists circulated via email - Noted

15. Highways

- i) Bridge replacement work – this is scheduled to start in April and go on until October according to the engineers that the members met prior to the Parish Meeting, plans were handed out, showing the diversion away from Mundon Village, passed A1 corner and towards the Fambridge Road. It was reiterated by members that if a Weight Restriction had been put on the bridge initially,

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the replacement would not have been necessary. Work had been held up by the discovery of a gas main and as they did not know whether it was live/dead the traffic lights were in situ longer while this was determined. Representatives from ECC Highways Engineering Dept were to send A3 copies of the plans to the Clerk so that they could be displayed on the notice board and the website.

- ii) Speed Calming – the problems with speeding traffic, especially through the Main Road of the village were discussed and Clerk to find out how much it would be to have the Community Safety Rangers carry out some TruCam speeding checks and report back to members.

15. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was presented with the minutes and members noted its contents, most of this had been previously sent via email.

16. Finance

A list of payments was circulated and agreed.

DATE	CHQ NO	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET AMT	VAT	GROSS
19/02/2019	101460	Victory Hall M/Com	Parish Meeting Hall Hire	£12.00	£0.00	£12.00
19/02/2019	101461	Ann Hutchinson	Salary	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00
19/02/2019	101462	HMRC	Ann tax	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
19/02/2019	101463	J&M Payroll	Payroll Service Inv(s) 22971 & 23243	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00
19/02/2019	101464	Sarah Sayer	Month 11 salary	£133.38	£0.00	£133.38
19/02/2019	101464	Sarah Sayer	Office Allowance	£28.33	£0.00	£28.33
19/02/2019	101465	HMRC	Month 11 Tax Sarah	£33.35		£33.35
				£342.06	£7.00	£349.06

17. Clerk's Contract of Employment

It was agreed by all members at the beginning of the meeting that the matter of the Clerks Contract of Employment could be added to the agenda. Members had received a copy prior to the meeting and agreed to the contents there in and the contract of employment was signed.

18. Items for Next Agenda

19. Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7.30 p.m